

TAXES

In Washington - President Johnson went to bat today - for his own requested tax increase. Telling Congress the tax hike is badly needed - to spare the country from serious inflation. Adding that if Congress demands a cutback in Federal spending in return - it should go ahead and make its own decisions on specific cuts.

The President's remarks - hard on the heels of an economy move by Defense Secretary Robert McNamara; who today ordered a review of all military construction projects - still in the works.

TALLAHASSEE

Tragedy strikes again - among the ranks of U.S.

Astronauts. Latest victim - Marine Major Clifton Williams - former Navy test pilot; one of America's newer Astronauts - still awaiting his first mission in space. He died today in the crash of a T-Thirty-Eight Jet trainer - near Tallahassee, Florida.

The fledgling spaceman - enroute home from Cape Kennedy to Brookley Air Force Base in Alabama when the crash occurred. Clifton Williams becoming the eighth Astronaut to lose his life - since the beginning of the U.S. space program.

BOSTON

Game two of the World Series - up in Boston - another two-man show - same as yesterday. Only this time around - the Red Sox supplying the stars - as you may have heard by now.

Boston ace Jim Lomborg - pitching near-perfect ball: losing three men, the Yankees - fairly-two.

While the Red Sox super-star Carl Yastrzemski was banging out a pair of homers - good for four runs, on the way to a stunning five-nothing victory over St. Louis - squaring the count at one a piece.

Game three - Saturday in St. Louis - and now it's a new series.

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VIETNAM

Ground action in Vietnam - what there was - hottest today in a wooded area just north of Saigon; with American troops fighting a series of short, sharp battles - against a stubborn band of Vietcong Guerillas. ~~THE~~ The Americans - losing three men; the Vietcong - forty-two.

Meanwhile, enemy terrorists were hard at work today - far to the north. Staging a series of mortar attacks - biggest of which was against the provincial capitol of Hoi An. Vietcong raiders also blowing up two bridges on vital Highway One - trying to disrupt U.S. supply lines to that big Marine Base at Da Nang.

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In only four previous wars - have Americans suffered heavier casualties. The Civil War - World War One - World

War Two - and the Korean War.

CAMBODIA-FOLLOW VIETNAM

In neighboring Cambodia - Prince Norodom Sihanouk's disenchantment with Red China - seems to grow by the day. Reaching a new peak today - with the Prince telling the Communists to stop stirring up trouble in his country; stop it now - or he will quit the throne, leaving Cambodia in control of the military - who will have no place to turn but "toward the Americans" - said he.

All this - at a news conference called by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, to announce the expulsion of two pro-Chinese Cambodian leaders accused of "grave charges" against the government. These a pair of businessmen - ordered "to quickly rejoin their masters in Peking."

At the same time - Sihanouk rejected charges that his recent anti-Chinese campaign - has been "directed by the Soviet Union." Said he: "If we have been friends with Russia - and France - it is because they have never meddled in our affairs." And to that- he added - a lesson Red China would do well to learn.

UNITED NATIONS

More on Red China - also Vietnam - from the United Nations; where today's principal speaker was Wei Tao-Ming Foreign Minister of Nationalist China.

The War in Vietnam - has taken "a definite turn for the better" - said Wei. Adding that North Vietnam is nearing exhaustion - and cannot continue the war much longer without active aid from Red China. Aid - said he - that Peking is unable to deliver - because of its own trouble at home.

Wei further asserting that the conflict in Vietnam - is not merely a war between North and South; but rather the first step - in Chairman Mao's master plan to dominate the world.

PEKING

Latest from Peking - news today of a development of a new advanced transistorized computer; modestly called - the most significant industrial and scientific achievement - ever made in Red China.

This - said Peking - because the computer means a big step ahead - in the development of China's "Atomic Science, the Science of Rockets and the Science of Space Travel." In addition - said Peking - the computer "will perform new merits in industrial modernization - in agricultural modernization - in modernization of scientific technology."

Who's to thank for this tremendous achievement?

Chairman Mao - and his proletarian revolution" - said the broadcast. American scientists observing, however, that Chairman Mao probably got a big assist - from Western-Educated Chien Hsueh-Shen. The latter - a teenaged U.S. rocket expert during World War Two; more recently head of an advanced research program at Cal Tech - before his return to Red China.

MIDDLE EAST

A study in irony - in a pair of items reported today from the Middle East.

The first - from Israeli-occupied old Jerusalem; where - for the first time in nearly nineteen hundred years - Rosh Hashana was celebrated freely at the Sacred Wailing Wall.

The Jewish New Year - for many - fulfillment of a life's dream.

Second item - from Cairo; where Egypt's Colonel Nasser today sent New Year's greetings - to the country's twenty-five hundred Jewish citizens. A personal emissary from Nasser conveying the message to the Jewish community - at New Year's celebrations in Cairo's Grand Temple.

MOSCOW FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST

While Israelis and Arabs were thus at peace - at least, temporarily - Jordan's young King Hussein was winding up his two-day visit to Moscow. Flying home today - after talks with Soviet President Podgorny and Defense Minister Andrei Grechko.

Results - still hazy. After the King had left the Kremlin issuing a joint communique; saying the Soviet Union had offered to re-arm Jordan - same/s it re-supplied Egypt after that disastrous six-day war with Israel. But whether Hussein will take up the offer - we still don't know.

Final decision - apparently dependent on the outcome of a trip Hussein has next on his docket. Destination - Washington; up to now, Jordan's chief backer - in the Middle East Maelstrom.

KARACHI

From Karachi, Pakistan, comes news today - of a massive government crackdown against corruption in public life. An attempt to force a screeching halt to the practice of greasing the wheels of government by liberal application of bakhsheesh - or GRAFT.

By order of Pakistani President Mohammed Ayub Khan the campaign calls for new teeth in anti-corruption laws; a closer check on high-living officials - especially those in the Provinces; more power to special inspectors responsible only to the Central Government. With bribe-taking bureaucrats - to be fired on the spot; and - for the first time - their superiors also to be held equally responsible.

Sounds great. Except that they tried the same thing about a decade ago - with scarcely a dent in wide-spread corruption. A fact duly noted this week by a Karachi newspaper - which said of the new reforms; fine - but who will reform the reformers?

WASHINGTON

A forecast of medical practices fifty years hence - comes today from U.S. surgeon General William Stewart; who predicts that health programs of the future - will be built around keeping people healthy and happy; rather than curing illness - after it strikes.

Toward that end - said Dr. Stewart - "we shall need to overcome our vision of death prevention - as the primary object of health endeavor; we shall need to be concerned with not only the number - but also the quality of man's years.

Warren - the doctor adding that when we reach this golden age of medicine - "admission to the hospital will be an admission of failure."